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REMARKS			
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1. On 8 August 1953, the Sachsendorf Kaserne, Cottbus, was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,400 troops.
2. On 8 August, the Loens Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,100 troops. A number of troops received instruction on tanks in the barracks yard. T-34/85 tanks and JS-3 tanks were identified. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.
3. On 8 August, the Wernsleben Kaserne was occupied by 50 to 60 troops. An undetermined number of troops engaged in maintenance work on motor vehicles.
4. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 7 August, 17 trucks, including 7 mounting AA machine guns and 80 troops from the Loens Kaserne were entrained in Cottbus, the latter in two boxcars. At about 8 p.m. on 7 August, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with about 30 trucks, including 8 mounting AA machine guns; and 1 field kitchen; 6 railroadcars carrying equipment; and 13 boxcars occupied by about 500 to 600 troops wearing artillery insignia passed through Cottbus, proceeding toward Leinzig.
5. At about 4:30 p.m. on 5 August, a train without locomotive and carrying 15 to 20 trucks with covered numbers, 1 field kitchen 1 ambulance and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. At about 4 p.m. on 5 August, a train without locomotive, including 20 boxcars each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and carrying 20 trucks and 15 canvas-covered guns was seen at the Schwepnitz railroad station. The troops included uniformed women. On the same day, another train carrying 15 to 20 trucks and a third train of 25 empty flatcars were seen at the Schwepnitz railroad station.

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6. At about 7 a.m. on 9 August, a train of 7 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 10 trucks and 4 guns of various calibers was seen in Forst Zinna, proceeding toward Neustrelitz. At about 8:20 a.m. on 9 August, a train of 12 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying trucks towing small guns; 2 field kitchens; 1 sedan and 2 jeeps

was seen in Luckenwalde, proceeding toward Neustrelitz.³

7. Beginning 2 p.m. on 9 August, about 40 trucks wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Luckenwalde freight station and left for an undetermined destination. Trucks

were identified.²

8. At about 2:30 p.m. on 8 August, a shipment was seen in Jueterbog, proceeding toward Wittenberg. At about 3:30 p.m. on 8 August, a shipment of guns was seen at the Wittenberg freight station.⁴

1. Comment. in early June 1953 a similar occupation of the barracks installations in Cottbus

it cannot be determined whether strength estimates are correct. As the bulk of the units of the 9th Mecz Div is carried in the area of the Forst Tauer training grounds, the strength figures given appear rather high. On 7 August, a unit of the 9th Mecz Div presumably left the Iorns Kaserne.

2. Comment. on 8 August, three shipments went from Peitz to Jueterbog. They probably included the train which passed Cottbus at 8 p.m. on 7 August and presumably carried AA machine guns of the 9th Mecz Div. It is also possible that elements of the division were loaded on these trains in Cottbus on the evening of 7 August. See paragraph 4.

3. Comment. units of the 9th Gds Tank Div retransferred to Neustrelitz

4. Comment. tanks entrained at about 2:30 p.m. belonged to the 6th Gds Tank Div or the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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